

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 24 June 53 24/0845Z	2. LOCATION Annapolis, Maryland, Washington, D.C.
3. SOURCE Military & Civilian	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON A piggy launch at Annapolis was scheduled at 0900Z. Surface wind was 10-12 mph from the NW. Observers felt that object was a balloon. ATIC COMMENT: It is quite evident that object was a weather balloon.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Reported	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS White light swaying slightly was observed on the NE horizon climbing slowly into the sky. Its maximum angle above the horizon was 75-80 deg at which time it seemed to slow down and change direction of travel to the E. The speed of object did not appear constant and was rather slow.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE NE - E	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

FORM
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Witness

CSAF ITEM NER 1 /UNCL/

TO ATINP-5 LT OLSSON FM ATCIN-5AE CAPT HE SMITH

FOLLOWING SIGHTING BY [REDACTED]

24/0400
Washington D.C.

TT-131
9 July 1953
AT/PAE-5

HOTEL, [REDACTED] ST IN WASHING, WAS RECEIVED
BY TELEPHONE, ON 24 JUN 53, FROM EMERGENCY
CONTROL OPERATIONS OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL CIVIL
DEFENSE ADMINISTRATION, SUBJECT QUOTE - "ABOUT
4 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING I WOKE UP AND LOOKED
OUT THE WINDOW. I SAW A GREAT BIG WHITE BALL
IN THE SKY. AT FIRST I THOUGHT IT WAS A PLANE.
BUT AS I WATCHED IT WHILE IT APPEARED TO BE
TOO STATIONARY FOR A PLANE AND MUCH BIGGER
THAN THE STARS. I FIRST SAW IT OVER THE TOP
OF A TREE OUTSIDE MY WINDOW. AS I WATCHED
IT SEEMED TO SWING BACK AND FORTH LIKE A PENDULUM
AND GAVE THE ILLUSION OF LEAVING A TRAIL OF
VAPOR OR SMOKE. IT MOVED UPWARD AND I WATCHED
FOR ABOUT AN HOUR UNTIL IT WAS OUT OF SIGHT".

END QUOTE

END 'CSAF ITEM NER 1 /UNCL/

ACTION

0400
+5
0405

0401 2

probably balloon
sent guesstimate

Multi

56

CSAF ITEM 2 (UNCL)

TT-116

30 June 1953

ATIAE-5

TO: ATIAE-5 LT OLSSON

FROM: AFSPIN-54-54PT 24-6445

FOLLOWING FLYCRIPT RECEIVED BY TELEPHONE FROM
THE OBSERVER, 17 COL V G BULFNGSTEIN, FLYING

SECTION, OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE DIVISION,

BUC/0, HQS USAF. TIME OF SIGHTING: ABOUT

0445 EPT, 24 JUNE 53. LOCATION OF OBSERVER:

ON A COAST GUARD COMMUNICATIONS TRUCK AT THE

ANNAPOLES YACHT CLUB, ANNAPOLES, MD. TWO

OTHER WITNESSES PRESENT, ONE A CIVILIAN AND

ONE AN ENLISTED MAN IN THE COAST GUARD.

THE OBJECT WAS A WHITE LIGHT, SWAYING SLIGHTLY

WHICH FIRST APPEARED ON THE HORIZON IN A NE

DIRECTION AND THEN CLIMBED SLOWLY IN THE SKY

TRaversing an arc to the DE. ITS MAXIMUM

ANGLE ABOVE THE HORIZONTAL WAS 75-80 DEGREES,

WHICH TIME IT SEEMED TO SLOW DOWN AND CHANGE

DIRCTION. THE

OBJECT DID NOT APPEAR CONSTANT AND WAS

PATHER SLOW, BUT FASTER THAN ONE WOULD EXPECT

FROM A BALLOON. SURFACE WIND WAS 10-12 MPH

FROM THE NE. THE OBSERVER PERSONALLY FELT

THAT WHAT HE SAW WAS A BALLOON.

END (CSAF ITEM 2 (UNCL))

24/6445
Annapolis MD

change direction to the
East